

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 78.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1882.

FIVE DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

Insurances.

LE CERCLE-TRANSPORTS.
SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME D'ASSURANCE
MARITIME MARSEILLE.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED 15,000,000 Francs.
CAPITAL PAID-UP 3,750,000 Francs.

The Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS of the above Company, are prepared to
GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all
parts of the World.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [4]

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL £2,000,000; PAID-UP £200,000
PAID UP RESERVE FUND £50,000.

The Undersigned, having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are prepared to
ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [165]

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).
UNLIMITED LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The Undersigned, having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are prepared to
ACCEPT FIRE AND MARINE RISKS at Current
Rates, allowing usual discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [164]

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND Tls. 288,936.17

TOTAL CAPITAL and
ACCUMULATIONS, 2nd
April, 1881. Tls. 938,936.17

DIRECTORS.
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
M. W. HOVE, Esq. W. M. MEYERINK, Esq.
J. H. PINCKVOSS, Esq. F. D. HITCH, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.
Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & Co. Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent.
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICES granted on MARINE RISKS to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest
on shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the
UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually dis-
tributed among all Contributors of Business in
proportion to the premia paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [53]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED) \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

To be Let.

TO LET.

OFFICES in No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD
CENTRAL. Also,
No. 4, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 25th March, 1882. [74]

TO LET.

TWO GODOWNS
now occupied by the
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Possession from 1st May.

Apply to
ROSE & Co.,
Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1882. [266]

TO LET.

THE SIX FOUR-STORYED SUBSTANTIAL
DWELLING HOUSES now in course of
erection at the bottom of Old Bailey-street in
Hollywood Road, on the site of the Premises
formerly occupied by Messrs. T. ALGAR & Co.
House Agents, &c.

These Desirable Premises will be completed in
about four months, and the Undersigned is
prepared to make any changes or alterations in the
construction or internal arrangements of the
buildings to suit tenants desirous of taking one or
all of the Houses on lease.

These Houses will be found specially adapted for
Parsee Merchants, being situated in the centre
of the Parsee district of the city, and having
commodious and suitable Godowns underneath
for the storage of Opium and other Merchandise.

For Full Particulars, apply to
FRED. RICKARDS,
United Club, Staunton-street.
(Opposite Union Church).
Hongkong, 15th April, 1882. [243]

FOR SALE.

AUSTRALIAN WINES, PORT & SHERRY,
of the finest quality, from Coolata Vine-
yard, Braxton, Hunter River, N.S.W.

Apply to
R. FRASER-SMITH,
No. 6, Peddar's Hill.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr.
NLSIM ISAAC JILAS in Our Firm in
China and Hongkong, Ceased on the 31st De-
cember, 1881.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.
Hongkong, 24th April, 1882. [270]

THE Undersigned have been appointed
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD
of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [6]

RECORD of AMERICAN and FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [3]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on
MONDAY,

the 1st day of May, 1882, at THREE o'CLOCK
P.M., on the Premises,
No. 8, WELLINGTON-STREET.

ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND
situate at Victoria, Hongkong, measuring
North of Wellington-street 18 feet 3 inches; on
the East by d'Aguilar-street measuring thereon
49 feet 10 inches; on the South of Inland Lot
136, measuring 18 feet 5 inches; on the West
by Overbeck's portion, Inland Lot 136, mea-
suring 49 feet 10 inches; which PIECE or
PARCEL of LAND is registered in the Land
Office as section A of Inland Lot 136.

THE SHOP No. 8, WELLINGTON-STREET,
is at the corner of Wellington and d'Aguilar-
streets.

For Further Particulars, and Conditions of sale,
apply to

J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.
No. 33, Wellington-street.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1882. [242]

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
VALUABLE PROPERTY.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from the MORTGAGEE to sell by Public
Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,
the 3rd May, 1882, at 3 P.M., on the Premises.
THE Three substantially built CHINESE
SHOPS, in Queen's Road West, Nos. 42, 44,
and 46, Registered in the LAND OFFICE as
section A of INLAND LOT 263, and section
B of INLAND LOT 366, Victoria, Hongkong.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of
Sale,
Apply to

J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.
33, Wellington-street, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 20th April, 1882. [258]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

lying between Bonham-strand and Wing Lok-
street, will be offered for sale by Public Auction,
under instructions from the MORTGAGEE,
IN ONE LOT

By Mr. J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer, on
THURSDAY,

the 4th day of May, 1882, at THREE P.M., at the
Premises, comprising—

THOSE several PIECES or PARCELS of
GROUND situate at Victoria, Hongkong,
known and Registered in the LAND OFFICE
as the Remaining Portion of Section A of
MARINE LOT No. 1, section E of MARINE
LOT No. 4, section F of MARINE LOT No. 4,
and sub-section One of section A of MARINE
LOT No. 4A.

To view a plan of the Premises, and for
Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale,
Apply to

BRERETON & WOTTON,
solicitors for the Mortgagee,
or to
THE AUCTIONEER.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1882. [265]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

OF VALUABLE PROPERTY IN BONHAM-
STRAND AND JERVOIS-STREET.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction,
on

MONDAY,
the 8th day of May, 1882, at TWO P.M., on the
spot (shop No. 103 Jervois-street).

Under instructions received from the MORT-
GAGEE:

FIRST LOT.

ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND,
situate in Victoria, Hongkong; the North side in
Bonham-strand measuring 13 feet 2 in.; on the
South side thereof in Jervois-street measuring
14 feet 9 in.; the East side thereof on a close
registered in the LAND OFFICE as INLAND
LOT 859, measuring 172 feet; and on the
West partly on a close registered in the LAND
OFFICE as INLAND LOT 860 and partly on a
close registered in the LAND OFFICE
as INLAND LOT 862, measuring 57 feet 9 in.
and one hundred and eight feet and 6 in.; which
said Piece or Parcel of GROUND contains, in
the whole 2557 square feet.

Together with the SHOP No. 103 Jervois-
street and SHOP No. 72 Bonham-strand.
Yearly Crown Rent \$45.08.

SECOND LOT.

ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND
abutting on the North side on Bonham strand
measuring 13 feet 2 in.; on the South side
thereof on Jervois-street measuring 12 feet 9 in.;
on the East side on a close registered in
the LAND OFFICE as INLAND LOT 857,
measuring 178 feet; and on the West side on a
close registered in the LAND OFFICE
as INLAND LOT 859, measuring 172 feet;
which said PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND
contains in the whole 2,268 square feet
registered in the LAND OFFICE as INLAND
LOT 858, together with the SHOP No. 103,
Jervois-street, and SHOP No. 70, Bonham
strand.

Yearly Crown Rent \$39.09.

TERMS OF SALE.—Purchaser shall pay at once
20 per cent. in part payment of the Purchase-
money; the remainder on completion of the
Purchase, and Execution of the Deed of Transfer,
which shall be prepared by a Solicitor at the
Purchaser's expense.

J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1882. [246]

Intimations.

SAYLE & CO'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

ARE NOW SHOWING NEW SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.

EX "FLEURS CASTLE."
A splendid assortment of French and English
Pompadour Prints and Satens.
New Patterns in French Percales.
Specialities in Damasses and Black Crena-
dines.
Nun's Heiges and Veilings.
Silk, Lisle Thread, and Cotton Hosiery in all sizes.
Irish Linens and Diapers.
New Millinery.
A choice selection of Flowers.
Sewing Machine by the leading manufacturers.
N.B.—A few REMNANTS and TOYS left over from the Sale still on offer at greatly
REDUCED PRICES.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

ECA DA SILVA & CO.

HAVE JUST LANDED.

EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER "SAGHALIEK."

A GREAT VARIETY AND FINE ASSORTMENT OF SUMMER GOODS,
COMPRISING—

Ladies Richly Trimmed Pongee Silk Costumes, Satin, Linen, and Cambric Costumes,
Ready-made Dresses, Lace and Silk Fichus, Cravats, Dressing Gowns, Fine Silk
Hose, &c., &c., &c.

Ladies Elegantly Trimmed Parisian Straw Hats and Bonnets, Children's and Babies'
Hats and Caps, in Great Variety.

Gentlemen's Parisian Straw and Panama Hats, French Felt Hats, Light Summer
Tweed in Pieces for Pants, White and Coloured Linen Drill, Pieces of Touch Cord
for Vests, Canvas Shoes, Silk Umbrellas, &c., &c.

Oriza's and Poudra's Perfumery in Great Variety, Elegant 3 Sides French Mirrors,
Vienna Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Visiting Card Cases, Portmonnaies, Albums,
Needle Cases, Needles, Ladies Work Boxes,
&c., &c., &c.

ECA DA SILVA & Co.,
48, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, April 3rd, 1882. [9]

KELLY & WALSH'S LIST OF NEW MUSIC.

NEW DANCE MUSIC.

A Ton Bras Polka T. Rieffler.
Light Love Waltz A. G. Crowe.
Scottish Beauties Waltz A. G. Crowe.
Princess Toto Galop R. Herren.
Princess Toto Waltz R. Herren.
Princess Toto Quadrille Chas. Godfrey.
Day and Night Quadrilles W. Williams.
Bonne Chance Polka C. Godfrey.

Blow me up an apple tree T. W. Barrett.
We are a merry family T. W. Barrett.
Oh Lor, Oh Dear E. Foreman.

London Bridge Molloy.
The Curfew Bell Allis Gover.
Told in the Twilight J. L. Molloy.
The Birds and the Cross J. L. Molloy.
Shadows of the Past C. Marriott.
Over the Garden Wall G. D. Fox.

Some one to say good bye to D. Day.
The Angel's Call Max Silby.
Nell Brace A. Sanders.
Gipsy John Whyte Melville.
The Miller and the Maid Marrials.

COMIC SONGS.

Deary Deary Me Alfred Lee.
Ould Ireland so Green H. Nicholas.
Up to Dick T. W. Barrett.

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NEW SONGS.

Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE
OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR,
AND
HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL DONOVAN.

SIGNOR HOFLICH

begs to express his regret that it has been found
impossible to produce

"F A U S T"

as originally intended, and craves the indulgence
of the Public for a slight breach of faith, which
circumstances render imperative.

THE FIFTH PERFORMANCE OF THE
SECOND SUBSCRIPTION SERIES
OF SIX OPERAS
WILL BE GIVEN, ON
SATURDAY EVENING,
29TH APRIL, 1882,
when will be reproduced
"IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA,"
GRAND OPERA BY ROSSINI,
IN THREE ACTS.

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

DOCTOR BARTOLO signor PATERNÒ.
COUNT ALMAVIVA (the Lover) signor VANZETTI.
FIGARO (a Barber) signor CIOCCI.
BASILIO (a Music-Master) signor CORTI.
FIORELLO (a servant) signor BRUNETTI.
ROSINA (Ward of Doctor Bartolo) signora SILINI.
BERTHA (her Governess) signora BERTOLINI.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICES.

FAMILY TICKETS.—Admitting 3 Persons,
6 Nights \$30.00
SINGLE TICKET.—Admitting 1 Person, 6
Nights \$14.00
STALLS.—For 3 Persons, 6 Nights \$20.00
STALLS.—For 1 Person, 6 Nights \$10.00

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle \$3.00
Stalls \$2.00
Pit \$1.00

Tickets may be obtained at Messrs. KELLY &
WALSH, and at the Doors on the night of the
Performance.

Doors open at 8.30 P.M.; Performance to com-
mence at 9 P.M. sharp.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot
be admitted.

A. HÖFLICH,
Director and Manager.
Hongkong, 24th April, 1882. [192]

Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

FROM LIVERPOOL & SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"COPTIC"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the
Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 30th
instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be Countersigned by
CHAS. H. HASWELL, JUN.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 24th April, 1882. [269]

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship
"OCEANIC," are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature
and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the steamer will
be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

CHAS. H. HASWELL, JUN.,
Agent.
Hongkong, 19th April, 1882. [253]

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"GALLEY OF LORNE."

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
DRUGGISTS,
GENERAL CHEMISTS,

AND

Manufacturers of the following
AERATED WATERS.

viz:

SODA, TONIC, SASSAPARILLA,
AND POTASH, LEMONADE,
GINGERADE, RASPBERRYADE,
AND PHOSPHORIC CHAMPAGNE.Deliveries in Town and Harbour from
7 A.M. to 7 P.M.SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFILLED,
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

Prompt Attention given to Coast Orders.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

SHANGHAI PHARMACY,
SHANGHAI.CANTON DISPENSARY,
CANTON.THE DISPENSARY,
FOOTICHO.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to subscriptions, advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in this day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK, so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1882.

The following choice morsel is taken from last night's *China Mail*.—"As any indication that gives further corroboration of the complete severance of ex-Governor HENNESSY from the affairs of Hongkong will be gratefully accepted by the community, we have satisfaction in being able to announce that, if Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY made his visit to India in the hope of having a chance of mixing in the political, financial and commercial questions that now occupy India and China, his desires will not be fulfilled. In India he is regarded as a private person who has been an official but is an official no longer, so that the community or the Home Government need not now have any fears as to his powers of mischief, such powers having been carefully nullified. The much-talked-of Opium Syndicate, with the objects of which it is no secret Sir JOHN HENNESSY was fully in sympathy, will necessarily fail; in fact, is as good as dead already. At some convenient season we may advert to this matter. The Syndicate, however, quite apart from its essential quality of extravagance, had in its composition some detrimental personal elements, quite sufficient of themselves to preclude all chances of success. The association of the persons concerned is a curious instance of the old saying about a fly in the ointment."

Our contemporary's inventive powers are as feeble, and contemptible, as his boasted satisfaction in gloating over what every sensible person in the colony knows to be a farrago of spiteful twaddle, is unworthy of the notice of honourable men. When the *China Mail* asserts that the impudent, ignorant and childish cackle which it publishes about Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY's visit to India, "will be gratefully accepted by the Hongkong community" the *China Mail* is neither discreet or truthful. When our contemporary asserts that "something has transpired either in India or elsewhere, which gives further corroboration of the complete severance of Ex-Governor HENNESSY from the affairs of Hongkong," our worthy contemporary is, to speak plainly, guilty of attempting in the most barefaced fashion to deceive its readers by a statement which is a lie, and moreover which it knows to be a lie. When the *China Mail* alludes to His Excellency Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY as the "Ex-Governor" of Hongkong, that journal is guilty of the meanest,

most contemptible, and most unjustifiable trick which ever disgraced a public newspaper with the slightest pretensions to be considered an honest representative of public opinion, and a reliable authority on passing events.

If this spiteful, altogether unnecessary, and lying attack on our Ex-Governor meets with the approval of any of the members of this community, our estimate of the amount of independent honesty which exists in our midst is a long way wide of the mark. We will even go farther. If there is one man in Hongkong, outside the select circle which form the might and majesty—and mud—of the *China Mail*, who honestly approves of a dastardly attack, unsupported by the slightest scintilla of truth, on a high officer of the Crown who is not here to defend himself, we will confess that our faith in the honesty of our fellow-men has been rudely shaken. But we do not believe that such a man exists, not even amongst His Excellency's bitterest personal enemies.

The public of Hongkong have a right to know on what grounds, and by whose authority the *China Mail* asserts that Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY is Ex-Governor of Hongkong. If that paper has no reliable authority for its positive statement, the public, and the independent portion of the press would be justified in branding the author of the malicious canard by the opprobrious titles of liar and coward. If however our contemporary has irrefragable proofs of the reliable character of its information, as representatives of the community we demand that such proofs be at once made public.

What are the facts of the case? Governor HENNESSY applied for leave of absence to visit England on urgent private affairs, and his application was granted by the Secretary of State. His Excellency accordingly left the Colony a few weeks ago, almost his last words being to the effect that he would return to Hongkong about October next. Has anything transpired since then to throw discredit on His Excellency's public utterances, referring to the probability of his return to serve out the remaining term of his Governorship? It is quite true that a day or two after the Governor's departure, a rumour was industriously circulated throughout the length and breadth of the colony, that a telegram had been received by the Hon. F. BULKLEY JOHNSON stating that Her Majesty's Government had formally recalled Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY. As Mr. F. B. JOHNSON did not publicly repudiate the report, it was no doubt reasonable enough to infer that such a telegram was actually received. However, weeks have passed, and although we are in daily communication with London, not a single word in corroboration of the rumoured recall has been received. Is it not, therefore, reasonable to believe that the telegraphic report was a mere canard? We took it upon ourselves to express that opinion at the time; nothing has since transpired to induce us to alter our belief. Possibly the *China Mail* may be in direct communication with the Earl of Kimberley, and speaks with inspired authority! This is a rather remote contingency, still strange things sometimes happen, and if our contemporary is really hand in glove with "the powers that be" in Downing Street, it is rather selfish to keep all these precious state secrets to gloat over in private. Badinage apart, if the *China Mail* is authorised to announce that Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY is no longer Governor of Hongkong we are entitled to ask for the name and nature of its authority; if, however, the assertion is merely a scurrilous falsehood of the class which has so frequently disgraced the columns of our contemporary, for special purposes, we leave that worthy journal to its own bitter reflections, and the tender mercies of that public whom it has so vilely and grossly deceived.

We note from the Shanghai *Courier* that dog stealing has lately become very prevalent in the Model Settlement. We have frequently had to complain of the same vice in Hongkong. No form of larceny is so contemptible as robbing a person of a dumb animal; no class of theft deserves severer punishment. We might forgive a thief whom we caught in the act of pocket-picking, but the gaol and the utmost sentence allowed by law would most certainly be the fate of the sneaking dog-stealer who crossed our path. Lately so very few cases of dog purloining have come under our observation, that we had commenced to believe that all the "fanciers" had left the colony. We were mistaken. A few days ago a gentleman visited the Bath House accompanied by a large black half bred Newfoundland. As is customary at this establishment, the animal was tied up outside the refreshment room, and it appears that he succeeded in biting through the rope which bound him, and jumped over the fence into the compound of the Royal Artillery barracks. He was there "annexed" by some enterprising

gunner, and tied up in one of the verandahs of the barracks. The owner of the dog on leaving the bath, found the animal *annexed*, and immediately commenced to whistle for his missing pet. The dog heard and recognised his master's signal, and made such struggles to get away from the verandah that his captor released him, after tying a tin kettle to his tail. The dog on being released, and frightened out of his senses by the clattering of the kettle, jumped from the verandah into the compound, seriously injuring his feet in the attempt. He was at length recovered by his owner; but is still badly injured. We are not advocates for the use of the lash; but if ever a man richly deserved a sound flogging it was the mean-spirited cur who, on finding that the instincts of the dog on hearing his master's signal could not be restrained, had the brutality to tie the kettle to the animal's tail, and the cruelty to permit the affectionate beast to injure itself by leaping over the verandah. There are few of our gallant soldiers who could descend to anything so mean and cowardly as this. Had the dog been ours, we should have left no stone unturned until this enterprising practical joker had explained his conduct to his commanding officer.

The visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending April 23rd were:—European, 237; Chinese, 3,303; total, 3,540.

OUR columns are admittedly public property, and all matter published therein is at the service of our contemporaries. It is customary however when one newspaper borrows "copy" from the columns of another to make an acknowledgment of the indebtedness. The Shanghai *Courier* has recently been using our columns extensively, without acknowledgment. As we so apologetically acknowledge every line we borrow from the *Courier*, we think we are entitled to the same courtesy at the hands of the editor of that journal.

THE fate of Jumbo, says the *Overland Mail*, still hangs in the balance, and unless a weight as heavy as the obelisk is placed in the other scale, he will kick the beam. Having lost his chancery suit, his rights as a British subject are unrecognized by law; but he has two friends left who are ready to fight for him to the last: one is the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, who have stationed their agent in the Zoological Gardens to watch and report should any act of violence be committed against the great elephant in furthering his transit across the seas; and another friend is the Board of Works, who will probably protest against a cortege of twelve dray-horses and an equipage weighing twelve or fifteen tons being dragged through London to the jeopardy of gas-tubes and sewers. But we very much fear that the ingenious showman will prevail over all difficulties, though we do not envy those concerned on whom Jumbo will, sooner or later, retaliate in the exercise of his well-known discretion.

THE Japan *Mail* notes with pleasure that Her Majesty's Legation has been provisionally provided with a legal adviser. Hitherto the custom has apparently been to consult with the Judge of H.B.M. Court at Kanagawa, a practice which must have frequently proved inconvenient, and was certainly open to grave objection. The functions of the Judge are essentially of a legal nature, and in Japan, more especially—for obvious reasons—they ought not to be confounded with politics even in appearance. It was within the bounds of possibility, under the old system, that the Judge of H.B.M. Court should be consulted to-day in Tokyo about a question which might come before him to-morrow in his judicial capacity. Such an anomaly had already been suffered to exist longer than was expedient, and Sir Harry Parkes has been well-advised to take measures for preventing its continuance. Mr. Montague Kirkwood has been fortunate enough to obtain the provisional appointment. The emoluments of the office are a bagatelle, but the position confers a prestige which justifies us in offering our congratulations to Mr. Kirkwood.

His Majesty the "King of Siam," over whose honary head sixty summers have passed, was subjected this morning to the undignified and unroyal treatment of having to appear at the Police Court on a charge of disorderly conduct in the summary Court yesterday. The Constable who arrested him said His Majesty was making a disturbance in the Court at 4.45 p.m., and that, availing himself of the privileges appertaining to royalty, he was proceeding to occupy a chair in the Court, when an Usher, forgetful of the respect due to His Majesty's elevated rank, requested him to shift his pivot, at which the King was very naturally incensed, and manifested his annoyance by becoming violent, thereby subjecting his sacred person to the still further indignity of being turned out of the Court. The Constable said His Majesty was not in his right mind, but it might perhaps, be pertinently asked, "Who amongst us in Hongkong is in that happy state?" Mind being a phenomenon of so intangible and mysterious a character, authorities on the subject, we believe, have not yet agreed upon the line of demarcation which divides sanity from insanity, and indeed the border line is thought to be so indistinct as, in the majority of cases, to be imperceptible. The poor old "King of Siam" has simply his own peculiar phase of a malady which is much more general than people are willing to believe. The Magistrate, of course, discharged His Majesty; but as the Puisse Judge towards whom the king seems to be strangely attracted, bears a deserved reputation for a more than common share of the milk of human kindness, we hope His Honor will order the \$100,000 the poor old creature is in quest of, and which, he asserts, His Honor promised him, to be handed over to His Majesty, a measure that would doubtless save the Court from being further pestered by his royal visits.

REFERRING to the revenue derived by the Indian Government from Opium, the *Overland Mail* says:—"Retaining this branch of revenue in the face of the illegal and exaggerated appeals made by the Anti-Opium Society will afford widespread pleasure, while at the same time it reflects the highest credit on the Home and Indian Governments alike. Prudence suggests the continued retention of this impost until such time as natural causes reduce its yield to a minimum. So soon as it grows unproductive, by all means let us abandon the monopoly, but not before, unless the anti-opium agitators are willing to subscribe a few millions yearly in order to prove the sincerity of their opinions."

It is reported from Ostrog, Government of Volhynia, that the Jewish community have held a meeting to consider their position and the possibility of measures for the alleviation of the sufferings of the increasing number of poor among the community. A resolution was agreed upon to the effect that their present poverty was due to overcrowding in particular localities, and to circumstances which, by practically restricting Jewish energy to the pursuit of trade, produced a supply of traders exceeding the demands of legitimate business. It was determined to petition the Minister of the Interior to permit the acquisition of land by the Jews, with the view of some of them devoting themselves to agriculture as the only solution of the difficulty.

OUR Macao contemporary *O Macanese* observes:—"We are informed that two of the most respectable and wealthy Portuguese residents of Hongkong are seriously thinking of laying a telegraphic line between this city, and Hongkong. We do not mention, at present, the names of the well deserving gentlemen, who entertain such patriotic ideas, being afraid of offending their modesty." Our Macao friends have certainly a unique style of recording current events. That allusion to the modesty of Messrs. Kennedy and Rozario, who are the patriotic gentlemen referred to, is really touching. The proposed Hongkong-Macao telegraphic line is a useful undertaking which deserves to, and we hope and believe will, prove a commercial success. We rather think however that the patriotic gentlemen who are to expend \$60,000 out of pure patriotism, and love for Macao, have yet to be born. Why will foreign newspapers impart such sentimental nonsense into what are purely matters of pounds, shillings, and pence!

THE Ningpo pirate is, so we learn from a native source, making preparations to receive the expedition which will be despatched against him from the south. It is said that his agents have been detected trafficking with foreign traders for the necessary warlike material, though the latter were not aware at the time that these Chinese, who were men of some worth, were in the pay of the pirate. The pirate has taken summary vengeance on some Chinese who acted treacherously towards him, but particulars of the execution are not known. A report was current among the Chinese in the settlement that a boat was picked up by a junk this morning near Gutsloff containing twenty-four headless bodies of Chinese. It is supposed that these were the victims of the pirate's rage. Many rumours are afloat concerning the pirate, but some of them have such an air of improbability that they must be rejected. There is no doubt that Huang King Man and his followers will cost the authorities the expenditure of much blood and treasure, before the nest can be rooted out.—*Courier*.

THE law as to attacks upon the Sovereign, is a very severe and precise. It is contained in two statutes, the first dealing with attempts to kill or hurt, the second with attempts to intimidate. The first statute, 35 Geo. III., c. 7, made perpetual by 57 Geo. III., c. 6, makes it treason to "compass, imagine, devise, or intend death, or any bodily harm tending to death"; the punishment for treason (mitigated of its attendant horrors by 54 Geo. III., c. 146, and 33 and 34 Vict., c. 23, s. 61) being death. The second statute, 5 and 6 Vict., c. 51, makes it a high misdemeanor "to discharge, or attempt to discharge, or point, aim, or present at or near the person of the Queen any gun, pistol, or any other description of firearms," whether loaded or not, "with intent . . . to alarm her Majesty," the punishment to which the offender is liable being penal servitude for seven years, or imprisonment for three years, with the additional liability "to be publicly or privately whipped as often and in such manner and form as the court shall order and direct, not exceeding three." A subsequent statute, 25 Vict., c. 18, provides that "no offender shall be whipped more than once for the same offence," but it may be doubted whether this provision applies generally, or is restricted to offences punishable by summary conviction only.—*Solicitors' Journal*.

THE German Navy will be employed as follows during the present year, according to the Admiralty plans, unless unforeseen political events should necessitate a change:—In May, a squadron of armoured vessels, under the command of Vice-Admiral von Wicke, will start on a five months' cruise in the Baltic and North Seas. The following vessels will compose the squadron: The four great ironclad frigates *Preussen*, *Friedrich der Grosse*, *Kronprinz*, and *Friedrich Karl*, the flagship, and the despatch boat *Grille*. On the different stations the following vessels will be in commission: In East Asia, China, and Japan, under the command of Captain Leblanc, the corvettes *Storch*, with 16 guns and a crew of 370 men; *Hertha*, 19, and 373 men; *Elisabeth*, 19, and 373 men; and the gunboats *Wolf* and *Illis*, with 4 guns and 77 men each. On the Australian station, the corvette *Carola*, 10 guns, and 247 men, and the gunboats *Mowe* and *Habicht*, 5 guns and 120 men each. In the West Indies, the corvette *Louise*, 8 guns, and 119 men; on the West coast of South America, the corvette *Molke*, 16 guns and 370 men; in the Mediterranean, the despatch-boat *Loreley*, 3 guns and 57 men. Furthermore the school-ships *Mars*, *Niobe*, *Nymph*, *Rover*, and *Musquito*, and a number of gunboats will cruise in European waters.

THE Colonial surgeon having certified that the Chinaman who was up at the Police Court on Saturday as being a dangerous lunatic is insane, Captain Thomsett ordered him to be sent to the Tung Wah hospital. It would appear that since being remanded on Saturday the poor demented creature has given considerable trouble in the gaol, requiring an officer to constantly look after him.

THE Legislative Council will meet on Thursday, the 27th April at 2.30 p.m. The "order of the day" will be the second reading of the following Ordinances:—(a.) An Ordinance. Empowering the Official Assignee to act in all Bankruptcies. (b.) An Ordinance for the Naturalization of William Quincy. (c.) An Ordinance for the Naturalization of Hi Wa. (d.) An Ordinance for the Naturalization of Ho Shun.

FOR the Two Thousand Guineas stakes which will be run for over the Rowley Mile at New Market this afternoon, Reuter telegraphs that the favorites for the event are:—

Gerald, 4 to 1

Executioner, 5 to 1

Shower, 7 to 1

Gerald is an American colt, the property of Mr. P. Lorrillard, who won the Derby and St. Leger last year with *Iroquois*. It is rather singular that neither of the above named appears in the list of quotations in the latest home papers.

THE *Matinichi Shimbun* says:—"A report from Corea says a certain officer had engaged in trade with Japanese merchants, pretending that he made purchases for the Government. His purchases amounted to yen 100,000 annually and the Japanese merchants were anxious to supply him. Okura and Co. had credited him goods to a large amount, which he paid by borrowing money from the *Kiudo Shokwai* (an Osaka Company), after being much pressed by the former. The new creditors also sold him a large assortment of different articles, on the occasion of a marriage between members of the Royal family. When he could not pay for these he borrowed yen 50,000 from the *Shinri Hokwai* (a society for accumulation of money, established by Buddhist priests) with which he paid for them. The Japanese merchants are warned not to be victimized by Coreans."

WONG CHOI, a widow, was brought up this morning before Captain Thomsett charged with a breach of condition of recognizance entered into by her on the 28th March. Six Police Constable 618 said he arrested the defendant on the 28th ultimo for hawking eggs without a licence, that the case was remanded for a week, she being allowed out on her own recognizance of a Mexican to appear on the 4th instant, but that the widow failed to show up at the appointed time. He arrested her this morning, and had no earthly manner of doubt that she was one and the same individual. The widow, who pleaded that it was not she but the "other woman" whom the clever gentleman with the turban had better go and hunt up, was discharged for want of proof. We suppose it is almost within the limits of possibility for even a turbaned Punjaabee to make a mistake in the matter of identity.

SIX Police Constable 510, while on duty near the Canton Wharf this morning about six o'clock, observed the occupants of two small boats, alongside the wharf, comprising a coolie and six boatmen—seven in all, which would give a slight advantage to one of the boats in the way of numbers—including in an indiscriminate use of their fists and bamboo-poles upon each other's hides and occiputs, creating a terrible uproar in the neighbourhood. Fired with zeal in the service of the community and in the preservation of the public peace entrusted to his able guardianship, the brave Punjaabee invited two watchmen to lend him a hand in lodging the rioters in the station, where, with the watchmen's aid, they were duly deposited. The defendants, who said the whole thing was merely a squabble as to which of the boats would get alongside the wharf first, were fined twenty-five cents "each" or two days' imprisonment by Mr. Wedchouse.

MR. BRADLAUGH has issued an address to the electors of Northampton, thanking them for having for the third time within two years re-elected him as "one of the members who ought to represent you in the House of Commons." He adds:—"I regret that since you have re-elected me a lawless majority has again, in defiance of law, hindered all effect to your return—a return which Sir Stafford Northcote admitted unimpeachable in law, and which you know is free from taint of bribery or intimidation. The return to the seat you have chosen me to fill is yours to retake at once from me if you desire; but unless you express the wish I shall not insult your so recently renewed confidence by any voluntary offer to resign it. If you continue your confidence in me, as I trust and believe you will, I pledge myself to hold your return, and with the help of my fellow-countrymen, to do all that man lawfully may to occupy the seat to which you have elected me."

THE *Hoch Shimbun*'s Korean correspondent writes:—"The Seoul Government seems likely to allow Japanese access to the interior of the country, a question which has of late been the subject of negotiations. Notices have already been issued, stating that the Japanese Minister and his suite, who are shortly expected to arrive, will proceed from Fusan to the capital overland and are to be treated with the utmost courtesy. Ancient is the possible opening of Korea to Japanese, the *Hoch's* authority tells the following story. "It would appear that at a place called Torailu, there is a hot spring renowned for curing all diseases. Repeated applications have been made by the Japanese Consul at Fusan for permission for Japanese to visit the locality, but without success. Recently, however, the Koreans have come to the conclusion that permission to travel in the interior is sure to be accompanied by visits to this sacred spring, a desideratum so certain to rouse the ire of the Korean deities, that it would be better to fill up the spring, with earth at once. In consequence of this resolution, quite a throng of visitors attends the spring now, for the purpose of taking a final bath before its being closed."—*Mail*.

THE German steamer *Felicia* went over to Kowloon Dock this morning.

An Emergency Lodge of St. John, No. 618, S.C. will be held in Freemasons' Hall, to-morrow evening, the 26th inst., at 8.30 precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

REUTER wires that the Dominion House of Commons has adopted unanimously an address to the Queen praying Her Majesty to grant Ireland self-government similar to that of Canada.

Mr. R. G. ALFORD, surveyor, was summoned this morning to the Police Court by Mr. Ozorio, book-keeper to Messrs. Norenha & Co., for assaulting complainant's son, Francisco Xavier. Complainant withdrew the summons.

FOR enticing offering a ring for sale marked as being composed of pure gold, and bearing the goldsmith's name "Sai Sing," but which was simply brass washed with the precious metal, a hawker was sent this morning by Mr. Wedchouse to three months' hard labour as a rogue and vagabond.

WE beg to direct attention to the Italian Opera Company's representation at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, this evening, of Carlo Pedrotti's comic opera "Tutti in Maschera." The performance is for the benefit of signora Elena Pinelli, the talented young *prima donna*, and we trust it will be largely patronised. Seats may be booked at Messrs. Kelly & Walsh's, Queen's Road.

REPORTS from Macao must generally be taken *cum grano salis*, so we give the rumour that the long talked of Portuguese Embassy for Japan will depart for Yokohama, by the *Oceanic* on Tuesday next, the 2nd May, with considerable caution. We learn, however, that accommodation has been engaged in the *Oceanic* for the six gentlemen who will form the Embassy, and for ten servants, so that the trip to the "Land of the Rising Sun" looks like coming off after all.

THREE Chinamen were sent to six months' hard labour each this morning by Mr. Wedchouse on the charge of burglariously entering a butcher's house in Sai Yung Poon this morning, and stealing therefrom a clock and clothing valued at ten dollars. Police sergeant Forbes, who arrested the prisoners, deserves great credit for the clever manner in which he went to work, as shown by the evidence, upon his receiving a report of the burglary from the butcher.

LI TONG UN, 68, opium dealer, who was mulcted in \$200 for a similar offence last October, was this morning fined \$300 or two months' imprisonment by Mr. Wedchouse, for being found in possession of prepared opium without a permit from the opium farmer. A partner in the firm, said the defendant owed them a great deal of money, and wanted to get a licence from the new farmer on much lower terms than anybody else, so they would not give him a licence to sell opium. They gave receipts for any opium sold by them. The defendant said he did not receive either receipt or certificate, and admitted previous conviction. Another Chinaman, a shopkeeper, was fined \$100 or six weeks' imprisonment for a like offence.

THE case, remanded from the 18th instant, in which a coolie and his wife, and a boiler-maker and another Chinawoman, are charged, the men with breaking and entering the room of Wong Lin, a woman living at No. 68, First Street, on the 17th instant, and stealing therefrom two boxes containing jewellery and clothing valued at eighty dollars, and the women with receiving some of the stolen property, came on again this morning before Captain Thomsett, when a fifth defendant, a hawker, was added to the list, being charged by Inspector Thomson with having received a portion of the stolen goods. The complainant to-day said that she had since found 21 pieces of the clothing, valued at \$30, in the sunghang pawnshop, and five other articles of clothing, valued at \$10, in the Moo-tuk pawnshop. She did not know the fifth defendant. The pawnshop people deposed that the fifth defendant, the hawker, was the man who pawned the articles. The second prisoner, the boiler-maker, was discharged, and the other four were committed for trial at the Supreme Court.

HO PUN-SUI, a female school-teacher, residing at No. 7, D'Agular-street, summoned Tai Ku, a Chinawoman, to the Police Court this morning, for disorderly behaviour, in creating a disturbance in her (the complainant's) house on the 19th and 20th instant. The defendant, it appears, made a great row in the school in presence of the pupils, accusing complainant's nephew of having committed an outrage on her (the defendant's) grand-daughter, and wanted the complainant to compromise the affair by paying her two or three hundred dollars by way of compensation, which she said she must have before she would allow the matter to drop. Defendant was very violent on both occasions of her visit to the school, compelling complainant to summon her. The sister of the school-teacher said defendant seized hold of one of the pupils who, she said, was the boy, and made him sign his name and address to a piece of paper. Witness corroborated the complainant's testimony as to the disturbance and defendant insisting upon being paid two or three hundred dollars before she would let the matter slide, and said that complainant told defendant to wait until the boy's mother came. The latter, who came in from Whampoa in consequence of the affair, said defendant went to see her at the school on the 24th, at dusk, accused her son of the outrage, and asked her how she was going to dispose of it. She asked defendant if she had any proof. She said she had not, and then got angry, and witness told her if she had no proof, she (witness) could not do anything. She did not ask for dollars, but said "You had better give me something to comfort me, and then I will give the girl to be your son's wife." Witness said she did not want the girl, and after considerable quarrelling, defendant went away. Defendant said to the Magistrate that it was actually the case that the boy did misbehave himself on the 18th, as the girl told her so herself. Mr. Wedchouse remanded the case till Friday at ten o'clock, the child meanwhile to lay an information and be seen by a doctor. Defendant was allowed out on her own recognizance, in twenty-five dollars.

